

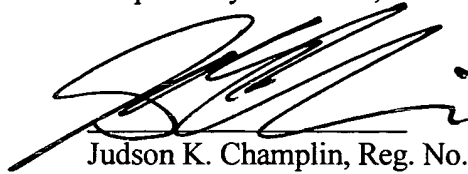
**REMARKS**

The above amendments are made to eliminate multiple dependent claims, and to cancel omnibus claims. Claims 12, 13, 15 and 17 have been amended. All pending claims 1-17 are presented for consideration.

Also, please do not enter the amended pages submitted under Article 34. This Preliminary Amendment conforms the claims to those considered in the International Preliminary Examination Report.

Entry of the Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Champlin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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